

**BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE'S
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Voter Guide

Voter's Guide:

Use the Berkeley City College's Voter's Guide to get to know all candidate's missions better and meet the candidates who are running for the Student Trustee and ASBCC positions.

How and Where to Vote:

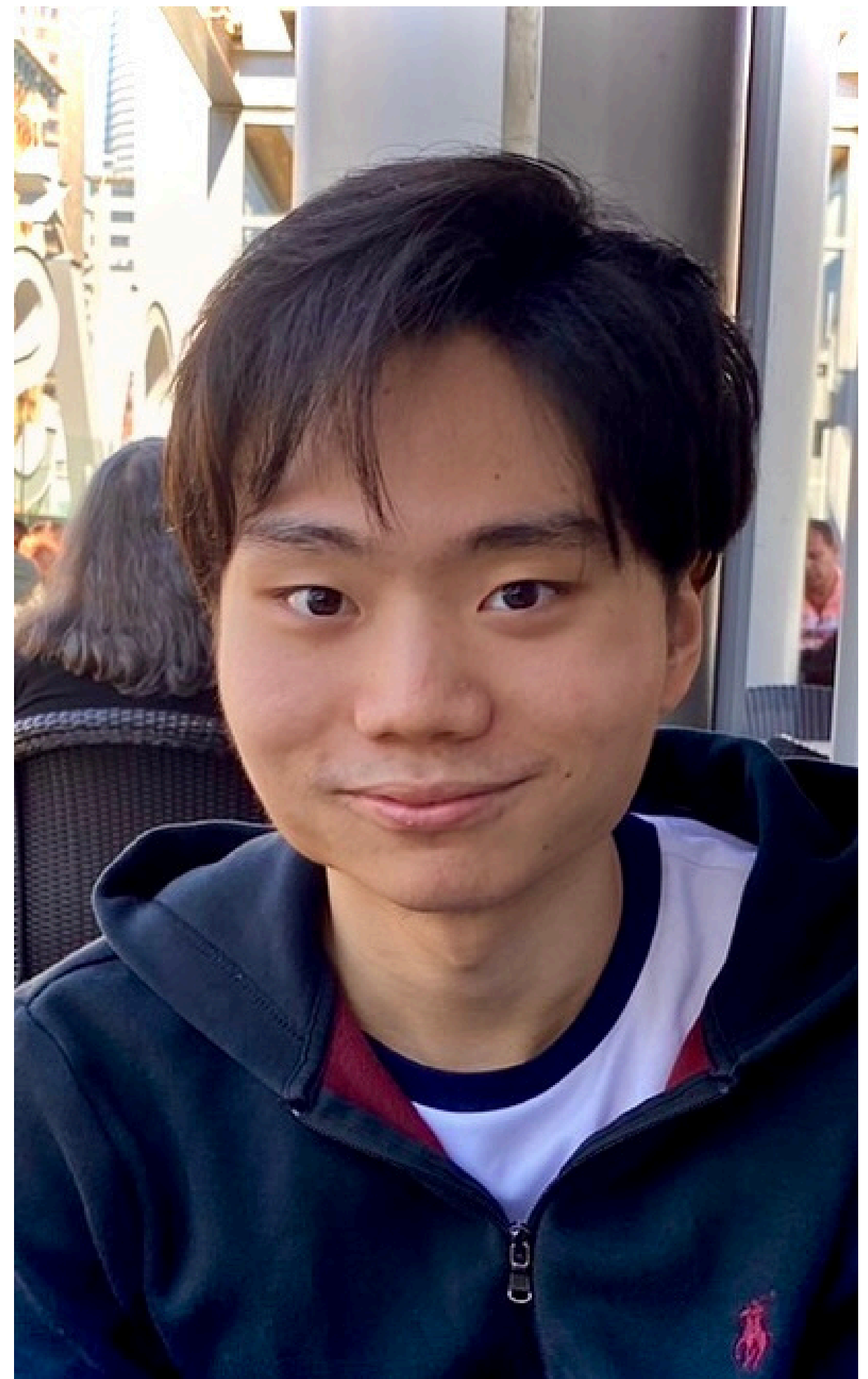
Online voting will begin on Tuesday, April 8th and end on Wednesday, April 9th. The [website link](#) will be posted on Berkeley City College's student election page and will also be posted around the campus. Student may not vote on behalf of other students, and a student ID is required.

Meet the Candidates

President

Rey Saitoh

As President, I will implement meal plans, secure free BART access, and provide low-cost parking to make things affordable. With my experience as a Communications leader, I will ensure transparent ASBCC goal communication. I also hope to reduce course requirements and increase funding for courses, professors, and counselors to support student success. My current goal is to be the most approachable President, ever, always ready to listen and serve your needs.



VP of Admin

Karol Suarez

Hi my name is Karol Suarez, I am currently a first year here at BCC. An effective and transparent leadership is crucial for a thriving community here at BCC. As the current external fairs officer for the women's leadership club, I have first hand experience in the importance of time management, kindness, and clear communication. A vote for me is a vote for a leader, committed to accountability, inclusivity, and strengthening the connection between a ASBCC and the students it serves.

Stay kind, stay true, stay lit!



Kimiya Farzam



I'm Kimiya Farzam, and I'm running for Vice President of Administration. I have been a member of the ASBCC for about two years now, first serving as a Justice and currently as a Student Senator. Through these roles, I have gained experience in leadership, project development, teamwork, communication, and student governance. I am eager to continue to represent the students' voices through the responsibilities of the VPA.

In addition to my work on the board, I have also gained valuable leadership experience as a member of the Research Caucus for the SSCCC, Vice President of the Mesa Club, and President of the Phi Theta Kappa BCC Chapter. Serving in these roles has allowed me to collaborate across different groups, manage various responsibilities, and lead initiatives that benefit our community. These experiences have strengthened my ability to advocate for students and deepened my commitment to making a positive impact at Berkeley City College.

One of the VPA's main duties is to assist the senators with their projects. Senators are responsible for developing projects throughout both semesters, and I am aware that this may be difficult to achieve while balancing other commitments and coursework. Therefore, I plan to support the future senators as much as possible by meeting with them one-on-one at least twice a month to help them navigate their projects from start to finish.

Being on the board for two years has allowed me to recognize what works well and where we can improve. For example, I've noticed a chance to enhance how we connect with the student body. To increase engagement, I propose creating short weekly videos summarizing ASBCC meetings to highlight our achievements and keep students informed. Additionally, this will serve as a valuable resource for ASBCC members, helping them stay updated and easily review discussions, especially in case of an absence.

Furthermore, I am committed to advocating for more women in leadership. As a woman in STEM and leadership myself, I have personally experienced the imbalance of representation and the lack of diversity in decision-making spaces. Someone once told me that true leadership is about leading by example, and I believe that when more women step into leadership roles, others will be inspired to follow. However, I'd like to emphasize that it's not solely about increasing the numbers but ensuring that women have the support, resources, and confidence to lead. Through tabling, workshops, mentorship opportunities, and networking events - I aim to create spaces where women can develop leadership skills, build connections, and make a lasting impact.

Overall, I'm passionate about creating change and amplifying the voices of those who are underrepresented. Thank you for considering me as your next VPA!

VP of Finance

Prab Oli

I am a Business-finance student. I am also an accounting tutor, manager at Ajanta handling finances, VP of Fundraising for FBLA, and a youth leader at APEN where I've helped raise funds for community causes.

These roles have strengthened my budgeting and leadership skills. I'll use my experience to manage ASBCC funds responsibly, support student clubs, and find creative solutions to funding issues at BCC.



Victoria Mapodile



Hi everyone, my name is Victoria Mapodile (but you can call me Tori), and I'm excited to announce my candidacy for Vice President of Finance at ASBCC!

As a current Justice on the Judicial Council, I have been actively working to ensure fairness and transparency in student government decisions. Through this role, I have seen firsthand how important it is for students to have clear and accessible processes, especially when it comes to funding for clubs and campus activities. I believe the role of VP of Finance is a natural next step for me to continue advocating for a financial system that is fair, transparent, and accessible to all students.

If elected, my main goal is to make sure that every student club understands how to request funding, what criteria are used for approval, and how decisions are made. Many students feel lost when navigating financial policies, and I want to change that by creating clearer guidelines, more accessible resources, and open communication between student government and the student body.

Additionally, I will work to ensure that funding decisions are made equitably, prioritizing student needs while maintaining financial responsibility. Clubs and events are a vital part of student life, and no student group should feel like they are being left out of the process due to bureaucracy or lack of information. By making this process clearer and easier to navigate, we can help more student-led initiatives thrive: creating a campus that is more engaging, active, and community-driven.

I am committed to making student funding a process that is fair, transparent, and easy to navigate. I would be honored to serve as your VP of Finance and help create a student government that truly supports the needs of our community. Thank you for your support!

Shaun Shibata



~Fair and Needs-Based Club Funding~

Implement a system where clubs receive funding based on their activity levels and impact on student life.

~Increased Funding for Student Events~

Direct more funds toward events to improve student life, including socials, career fairs, cultural events, and networking opportunities.

~Transparent and Accountable Budgeting~

Introduce regular financial reports and open meetings so students know exactly where funds are going.

~Regular Feedback and Communication~

Attend general meetings to gather student input on budget priorities.
Ensure that student voices are reflected in financial decisions.

I want students to feel confident and secure knowing that their money is being handled responsibly. My goal is to create a fair and transparent system where every student feels valued and supported, whether through club funding, campus events, or long-term financial planning. Your trust is my top priority.

Thank you very much,
Shaun Shibata

VP of Programs

Glenn Mah

My name is Glenn and I am a student at BCC. I believe that as the current president of ICC, I am the most qualified candidate to lead ICC in the 25-26 academic year as Vice President of Programs.

BCC has suffered significant budget cuts in the recent year, as such, club funding is in jeopardy for the coming academic year. I recognize that clubs, for many, are of great importance as a way to meet new people and make friends at BCC, which help immensely with the difficult transition to the college.

As VPP, I will work to help all BCC clubs continue to grow and thrive, despite BCC's financial hardship. I will lead ICC in these trying times, and dutifully carry out the wishes of the ICC council in ASBCC, and ensure clubs are funded and able to host events and that help our BCC community grow. Of course, this would not be without your help. As VPP, I will ensure that all voices are heard and have input on problems and their solutions.

I will increase transparency between ICC and ASBCC further, fighting to turn the club's wishes into reality. As the current ICC president, I am already well aware of the time commitment required to run such an impactful organization as ICC, and I will not let you down, I would be honored if you would cast your vote in my favor.

Vote for Glenn, will of the clubs.



VP of Public Relations

Navaneet Baniya

Hey BCC! I'm Navaneet Baniya, I am a double major in Political Science and Economics. I'm running for Vice President of Public Relations to be the voice that brings us together and turns ideas into action.

My objective goes from promoting your club events to advocating for student needs and uplifting unheard voices. I bring passion, creativity, and commitment to making our campus more connected, inclusive, and vibrant.

Vote Navaneet Baniya for the Vice President of Public Relations!



Alisha Simanjuntak



As your Vice President of Public Relations, I will focus on outreach and accessibility to ensure that every student's voice is heard and that you stay informed on campus matters. With your support, I will create effective communication channels, make ASBCC more accessible, organize events and initiatives which reflect your interests and needs! Together, let us bridge the gap so that ASBCC represents and connects with YOU!

Senators

Leo Migliaccio

As a candidate for student government, I am committed to making our campus more inclusive and engaging. I will work to recruit more high school students to join our community and create meaningful events for international students, especially during the holidays, so everyone feels at home





Subu Parajuli

Dear Students,
My name is Subu Parajuli, and I'm running for Senator at Berkeley City College. I aim to address the funding issues that impact student programs, services, and essential campus resources. I also plan to improve transparency between ASBCC and the student body to ensure your voices are heard.

Additionally, I want to ensure every academic major gets the value and resources it deserves to help students in their educational journey.

Let's build a stronger community together. Thank you.

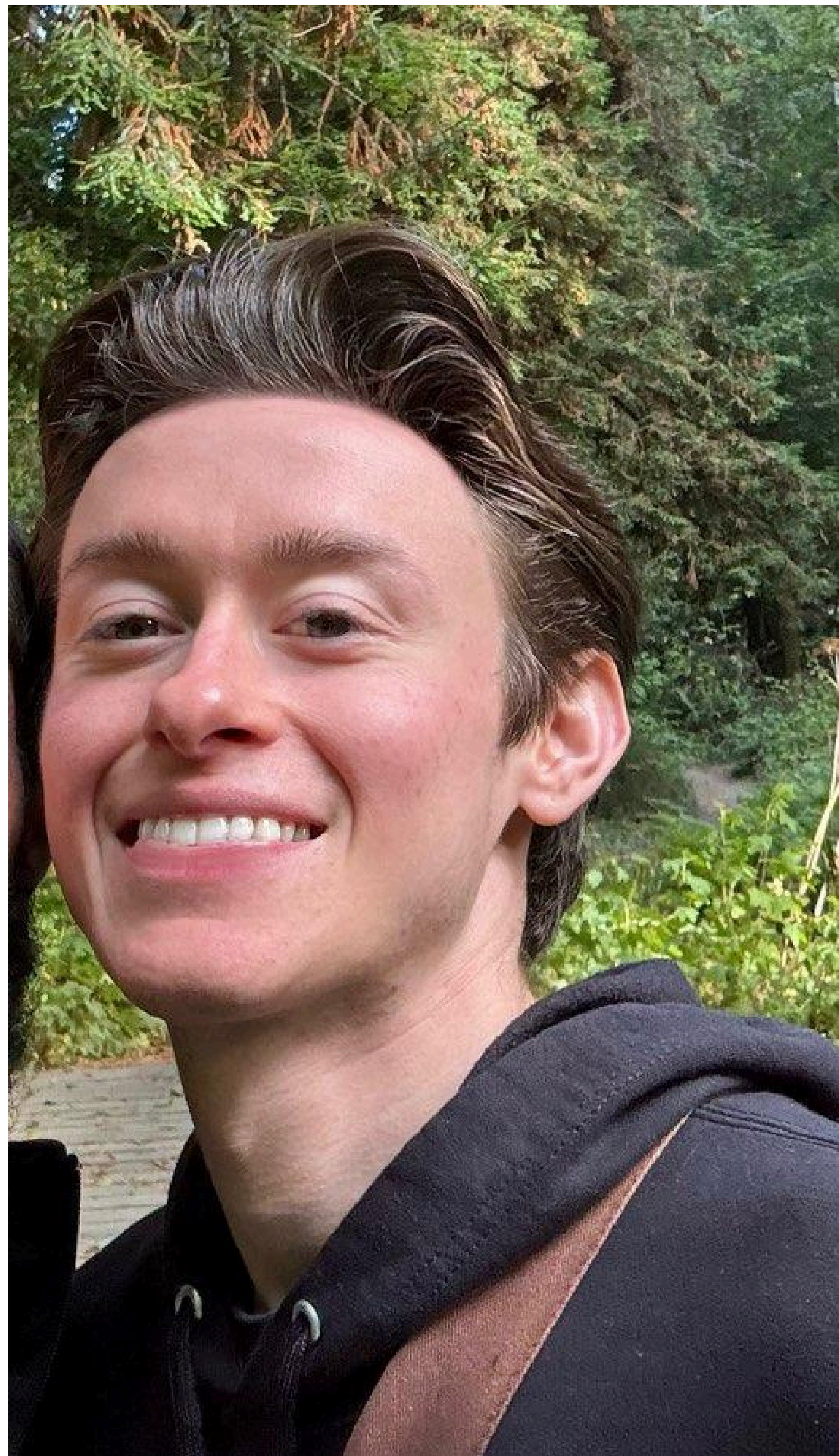
Jake Estigoy

I'm Jake Estigoy, a returning student running for ASBCC Senator.

With five years of experience in affordable housing, I'll work with ASBCC leadership to bring reps from the Berkeley Housing Authority, HACA, and the Berkeley Student Cooperative to campus.

Students will get in-person support with applications, waitlists, and eligibility. ASBCC should be a bridge to real resources.

I'd be honored to earn your vote!



Asmaa Fatima



Dear BCC community,

My name is Asmaa Fatima, and I'm running for the position of Senator in the ASBCC. As a second-year bio major planning to go into the environmental field, I want to emphasize the importance of sustainability. Though there are compost, recycling, and trash bins on every floor of BCC, many students aren't fully aware of proper recycling practices, as I've noticed the improper placement of trash. As a senator, I will join the Health & Safety Committee and use my experience as the VP of External Affairs for the Phi Theta Kappa Chapter to implement workshops and informative sessions where everyone at BCC can learn the correct methods of waste disposal as well as the importance of keeping the environment clean.

Additionally, my involvement in the Berkeley Humane Society as a volunteer and foster has led me to wonder about the animals of disadvantaged students. Though Berkeley City College provides basic needs such as food, hygiene items, and housing resources through the incredible Basic Needs Center, I think we should extend to pets as well. I know it would be a great help if students who own animals could continue to care for them regardless of their financial stability. I will use my volunteering experience if I'm granted the position as senator to garner resources and host events where students can obtain food and other essential items for their pets.

I want to mention the wonderful community BCC possesses. During my first semester, I had difficulty locating my class. I went up to the Front Desk with my problem, and one of the Student Workers was kind enough to take me directly to my class and show me the online map of Berkeley City College. This interaction made me view the campus body in a positive light and served as great reassurance to the kindness of my fellow students, despite my anxieties about entering college for the first time. Throughout my time in BCC, I've continued to experience hospitality and friendliness from everyone here, from the Clubs to the student government and staff. When I am senator, I will do my best to sustain this welcoming environment by starting a project that aims to post notes throughout the campus, encouraging community kindness, and inviting new and prospective students.

In conclusion, I am passionate about making Berkeley City College a more sustainable and welcoming place for all students (and their pets)! As your senator, I will bring meaningful change that continues to benefit students for years to come. I would be honored to have your vote and thank you for taking the time to read my statement!



Hnin Wai

My name is Hnin Oo Wai, and I am from Myanmar. I am currently a student majoring in Bioengineering, and I am excited to be running for a Student Government Senator position. I believe this opportunity would allow me to serve as a strong voice for students, advocate for positive change, and help build a more inclusive, supportive campus community.

As a bioengineering student, I've developed strong problem-solving and critical thinking skills, along with the ability to collaborate effectively with others—qualities that I believe are essential for a Senator. I'm passionate about making a meaningful impact, whether that's through academics, community involvement, or student leadership. If elected, I plan to listen closely to student concerns and advocate for practical improvements in student life, academic support, and campus resources.

Growing up in Myanmar has given me a deep appreciation for diversity, resilience, and the value of community. I understand how important it is for students from all backgrounds to feel heard and represented. I want to make sure that every voice on campus is acknowledged especially those that often go unnoticed. I believe in creating a space where everyone feels welcome, valued, and supported.

Outside of my academic life, I enjoy a wide range of hobbies that help keep me grounded and creative. I love photography because it allows me to see beauty in the little things and capture meaningful moments. I also play the violin, which brings me peace and a sense of expression beyond words. These creative hobbies have helped me develop patience, discipline, and a deep appreciation for balance in life. Additionally, I enjoy spending time with animals especially my cat and exploring new things, whether it's learning a new concept, cooking a new dish.

Light Liu



My name is Light Liu. I'm an international student born in a rural Chinese town where resources were scarce and opportunities limited. I was deeply amazed by and benefited from the opportunities and resources provided by BCC and the district. But I also realized that a lot of students aren't aware of these opportunities and resources. That's why I'm running for the Senator position of the student government, aiming to help all students feel well supported and benefit from the existing resources.

Student Trustees

Ahyan Malik (BCC)

Hi, I'm Ahyan Malik! Currently involved in ICC, ASBCC, MESA, and other key student support roles across Berkeley City College, I've seen the challenges students face from multiple angles, and I seek to bring those voices to the Board level. I want to push for budget transparency, while also advocating for equitable access to learning resources in campus libraries, including Chromebooks and Hotspots. I'm running to amplify student voices, driving changes that support success across all campuses.

